AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-7.   Canceled.

8.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for creating a font, comprising:

a sheet having a grid pattern, the grid pattern providing blank spaces with an indication of a ~~the~~ character associated with each blank space, the blank spaces containing hand-written characters, the sheet having a first set of registration marks and a second set of registration marks, the first set of registration marks differing in number from the second set of registration marks, wherein the first set of registration marks are spaced apart from and similarly oriented as the second set of registration marks;

a scanner that digitizes the hand-written characters, wherein the first and second sets of registration marks aid in orienting the sheet in the scanner;

a processor in communication with the scanner, the processor being configured to receive the digitized characters from the scanner, associate the digitized characters with the characters of a character set based upon the position of the written characters on the sheet, and store the associated and digitized characters as a font.

9.   (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein one or more of the written characters are alphabetical characters and one or more of the written characters are symbolic characters.

10.   (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein one or more of the written characters are numerical.

11.   (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein one of the blank spaces is associated with a signature.

12.   (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the sheet includes characters written in a color other than black, and wherein the processor is further configured to associate the

digitized character with the color of the written character and store the association of color for each character for the font.

13. (Original) The computer system of claim 8, further comprising a printer in communication with the processor, wherein the processor is further configured to cause the printer to print the sheet with each character printed adjacent each blank space associated with the character and wherein each printed character indicates the character to be written in each blank space.

14. (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the grid pattern provides a registration of the sheet and wherein the processor is further configured to associate the digitized characters with the corresponding characters by determining the orientation of the character from the registration of the sheet.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program product encoding~~ computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions~~, the computer executable instructions~~ which when executed by a computing device provides ~~enabling~~ a method for creating a font, wherein the method comprises:

scanning a sheet having a first set of registration marks and a second set of registration marks, the first set of registration marks differing in number from the second set of registration marks, wherein the first set of registration marks are spaced apart from and similarly oriented as the second set of registration marks to digitize written characters on the sheet, the sheet having a grid pattern that provides blank spaces with an indication of the character associated with each blank space and wherein the written characters are positioned within the blank spaces, the first and second sets of registration marks assisting to orient the sheet when scanning;

associating the digitized characters with the corresponding characters of a character set according to the position of the written characters on the sheet; and

storing the associated and digitized characters as a font.

16.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable medium</u> ~~computer program product~~ of claim 15, wherein the written characters include alphabetical characters.

17.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable medium</u> ~~computer program product~~ of claim 15, wherein the written characters include numerical characters.

18.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable medium</u> ~~computer program product~~ of claim 15, wherein one of the blank spaces is associated with a signature and one or more of the blank spaces is associated with symbolic characters.

19.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable medium</u> ~~computer program product~~ of claim 15, wherein the sheet includes characters written in a color other than black, and wherein the step of associating the digitized characters includes associating the digitized character with the color of the written character and storing the association of color for each character for the font.

20.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-readable medium</u> ~~computer program product~~ of claim 15, wherein the grid pattern provides a registration of the sheet and wherein the step of associating the digitized characters with the corresponding characters includes determining the orientation of the character from the registration of the sheet.

21.   (New) A computer system operable to create a font, the computer system comprising:

a sheet having a pattern, the pattern including blank spaces with an indication of a character associated with each blank space, wherein one or more of the blank spaces contain hand-written characters, the sheet further including a first set of registration marks and a second set of registration marks, the first set of registration marks spaced apart from and differing from the second set of registration marks;

a scanner operable to extract and digitize the hand-written characters, wherein the first and second sets of registration marks aid in orienting the sheet in the scanner and the first set of registration marks are encountered first in a left to right scan;

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a processor in communication with the scanner, the processor being configured to receive the digitized characters from the scanner, associate the digitized characters with the characters of a character set based upon the position of the written characters on the sheet, and store the associated and digitized characters as a font.